

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Reconsideration of this application is requested. Claims 4-9, 12 and 17-20 are pending in the application. Claims 10-11 and 21-23 have been canceled. Claims 4-9, 12 and 17-20 have been allowed.

In Section 3 of the Detailed Action portion of the Office Action, claims 21-23 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Tanaka et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,995,341). This rejection is moot in view of the cancellation of claims 21-23.

In Section 4 of the Detailed Action portion of the Office Action, claims 10-11 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Shukh et al. This rejection is moot in view of the cancellation of claims 10-11.

In Section 5 of the Detailed Action portion of the Office Action, claims 4-9, 12 and 17-20 have been allowed. Accordingly, all pending claims have been allowed, and an early Notice of Allowance of this application is respectfully requested.

In the event that any outstanding matters remain in connection with this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (412) 263-4399 to discuss such matters.

Respectfully submitted,

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